

# STYLES IN BOXING CHANGE AS DIFFERENT CHAMPIONS ARRIVE

## CLEVER BOXING FOLLOWED CORBETT-SULLIVAN FIGHT

Now the Dempsey Way of Winning in a Punch Is the Accepted Method.

By Robert Edgren.

Nobody has traced boxing back to the Neanderthal man, but it's likely he could use his fists when the old stone axe wasn't handy.

Babylonian sculptors showed men fighting in almost the modern boxer's style. The Egyptians knew how to put their hands up. The Greeks had boxing in the Olympic Games at Olympia and in the games at Athens. Starting with bare fist boxing they "improved" the sport—which was war training in those days—by using the caestus. This was a system of wrappings on the forearms and fists, usually bull's hide strips put on wet and dried to the hands, sometimes with brass studs over the knuckles and brass strips over the fingers. A blow anywhere on the head was usually a knockout, and a blow on the temple was likely to be fatal.

Instead of developing a rushing, lunging style of mixing, both men trying to get over the first walling, this fighting with armed fists made the Greeks extremely skilful, wary, long winded and swift footed boxers. In one of the last Olympic championship meets two champions fought from noon to dark without either getting home a useful punch, and the fight was greatly praised. That sort of milling wouldn't go to-day in Jersey City, New Orleans, Bent Harbor or any other American boxing centre. Can you imagine what the gallery gods would say about it? The nearest thing to it in modern times was the Corbett-Jackson fight, in rounds, in which Jackson couldn't after Corbett because of a crippled ankle, and Corbett danced around out of range until the crowd went to sleep and the referee called a cab and went home to breakfast.

The Romans adopted the caestus or the gladiatorial games in the Colosseum. There was quick action here, as the gladiators knew they were in it to the death. Sometimes a boxer was matched against a fighter armed with a short sword. Jack Dempsey took office. This must have been exciting. The winner didn't get \$300,000. His reward was a good meal and a bottle of wine, and a week's layoff before his next chance to be killed.

FIGG'S TIME BOXING WAS HALF WRESTLING.

Boxing died out with the gladiators' games, and wasn't revived until about 1700 in England, although old time wrestlers used a lot of infighting stuff. In 1719 James Figg started a boxing school in London and made a name for himself as a manly art of self-defense. Figg was a sort of a roughneck, clever with fists and quarterstaff and sword, who acted as companion and bully for roystering young gentlemen engaged in painting the town red. They got into trouble and he did the fighting.

In Figg's time boxing was half wrestling. One favorite trick was to get a chancery hold on a rival's neck and pummel him with the free fist until his features were obliterated and he became senseless, when he was allowed to fall. In the early days of cross-buttock throws counted the same as knockouts. Much betting was on "first blood," and boxers whose mouths were cut tried to swallow the blood to keep it from showing, to protect their backers. Fists and knuckles were picked in brine to make them hard.

London Prize Ring rules followed many years after Figg's time, and were supposed to be nice and humane, almost too molly-coddly. They provided for finish fights, rests after knockdowns, and a "come to the scratch" after a knockdown, cross-buttock throws, bare knuckles, gouging and biting and kicking were taboo, but nearly everything else that made "a fair stand-up fight" went. In America great fighters like John L. Sullivan, Corbett, Dempsey, McMillen, Donohue, Kilrain and Ryan were developed under London Prize Ring rules. Fights were held in barns, in the woods, anywhere that the sheriff could be lodged long enough to pull the event off. Rings were set up on turf.

In Sullivan's great old boxing style with his bull-like rushes and savage bulldog aggressiveness, Sullivan, Dempsey and McMillen, "The three American Jacks" were popular heroes, and toured the country meeting all comers.

Sullivan used gloves in exhibitions and training, but his first regular glove fight was with Jim Corbett at New Orleans.

An entire change in boxing methods originated with Jim Mace, an English gypsy boxer, wonderfully fast and skilful. Mace was more than a middleweight, but he men of all weights. He was still boxing in contests at 65 years of age, and lived to pass 80. He started a boxing school in Australia, where he held tournaments to develop boxers, Larry Foley, another great boxer in Australia, taught a fast clever style of boxing combined with hard hitting. This soon displaced the slugging style of fighting. Among the wonderful boxers developed in the schools of Mace and Foley were Bob Fitzsimmons, Dan Green, George Tom Tracey, Young Griffo, George Hall, Frank Slavin and George Dawson, any of whom might be a world's champion to-day.

While these great boxers were developing in Australia the John L. Sullivan style was all the rage in

America. Australian boxers began invading the United States, and for a time they had things their own way. Young Griffo's boxing was the marvel of the age. Bob Fitzsimmons knocked out Jack Dempsey for the middleweight championship. Peter Jackson challenged Sullivan and got no answer.

Out in San Francisco Jim Corbett and Joe Choynski grew up close rivals, several fights being needed to prove Corbett the better boxer. They developed rare skill. Corbett never had a punch that would dent an ice cream cone, but he was a boxing marvel, fast as a streak, and evasive as a shadow. He fought slugs, and they swung their arms round in effort of missing him. Eventually he was matched with old John L. Sullivan. John swung on the air until he could not lift his hands, while Corbett danced around him. When Sullivan was winded and helpless, Corbett changed his tactics and took the aggressive, quickly beating the old warrior down.

The whole country went crazy over clever-boxing as opposed to "brute strength." Corbett was a popular hero. Every boxer from Australia to France changed all his ideas of fighting like Sullivan and began trying to skip around and keep up a rapid fire of annoying taps, as Corbett did.

This lasted until Corbett met Fitzsimmons, a great fighter who pretended clumsiness and really combined unparallel skill with tremendous hitting power. The result changed the Nation's style of boxing again, and every one began trying to shift and sway and drive in rib-crushing walks in the most approved Fitzsimmons manner. This was Fitz's natural style. The only other man I've ever seen who approached him at it was two champions, the great Stanley Ketchel and the present heavyweight title holder, Jack Dempsey. Both caught the Fitzsimmons' knack of timing blows with the weight of body and drive of legs and hips behind the punch.

When Jeffries knocked out Fitz the world came back to the conclusion that bulk and strength counted after all, and the Jeffries crouch with the left arm extended like a beam was imitated by thousands of boxers, none of whom had Jeff's endurance.

Tommy Burns didn't stop the world with his boxing, although he was a corking man of his weight and a real champion for a time. Jack Johnson beat Burns and afterward beat Jeffries when Jeff was dragged out from a six-year retirement to fight again after taking off 100 pounds of fat. Johnson was a cunning fighter, with bulk and strength enough to roughhouse any one, but a native caution that made him develop the most perfect defensive style of boxing, combined with a ring, combined with an opponent's arms and shooting in uppers that made him a tough bird to fight.

Johnson's fighting style wasn't followed for five years, for an odd reason. As popular as Burns was, a white man who came out as a "Hopes" longing to take the title from Johnson and make a million dollars. They didn't copy his defensive style at all. The reason was that every man of them thought only of a rushing, aggressive fighter could break through Johnson's defense and beat him down.

Jess Willard fooled everyone, including Johnson. He studied Johnson's methods and when he met Johnson at Havana he outwitted the Jack champion, made Johnson take the aggressive and then, with a shifting style, and a crashing drive into the first opening for a one round knockout whenever he could put it over. To-day even the feathers and lightweights are trying to fight like Dempsey.

### MAGNATE DUNN TO BE BURIED TO-MORROW

CHICAGO, June 10 (Associated Press).—The body of James C. Dunn, who rose from a country boy bank messenger to chief owner of the Cleveland American League baseball club and partner in a big construction firm, was sent to Marshalltown, Ia., his home town, to-night for burial at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

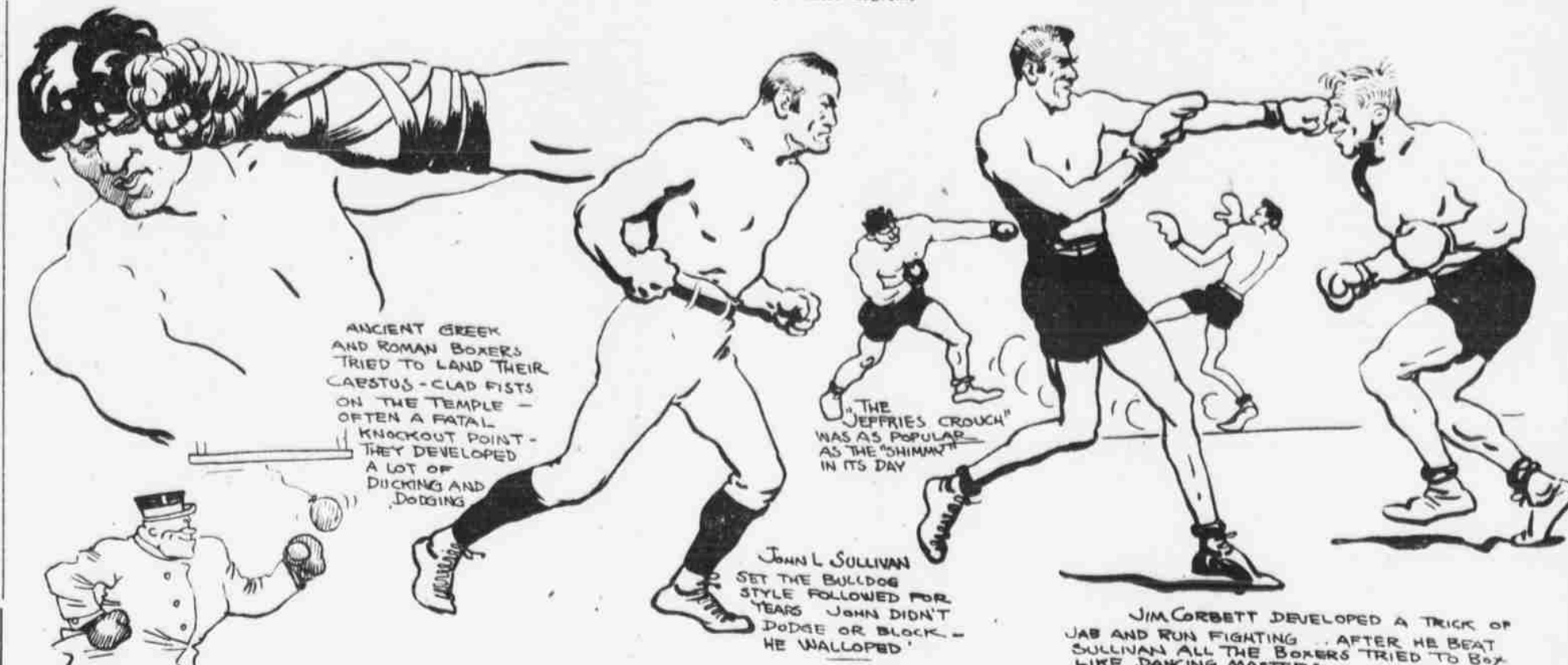
Accompanying the body of the baseball magnate who died at his home here yesterday after a lingering illness induced by influenza last winter, will be three cars of admirers of the sportsman, headed by Harry Johnson, President of the American League.

The body last night lay in state in its casket, covered with flowers. Mrs. Dunn received dozens of telegrams and messages of condolence.

### RECORD WON'T STAND; TRACK WAS SHORT

HELSINKI/POHOS, Finland, June 9 (Associated Press).—The mark set here Thursday by Hannes Kolehmainen, Finnish-American runner, will not stand as a world's record, remeasurement of the track showing it to be 478 metres short of the twenty-five kilometres required.

The record for the distance of 1 hour 26 minutes 25.6 seconds was established by Kolehmainen in 1920. His run over the short track Thursday was completed in 1 hour 22 minutes 43 seconds.



ANCIENT GREEK AND ROMAN BOXERS TRIED TO LAND THEIR CAESTUS-CLAD FISTS ON THE TEMPLE OF THE FATAL KNOCKOUT POINT—THEY DEVELOPED A LOT OF DUCKING AND DODGING.

AFTER BIG JIM JEFFRIES BECAME CHAMPION EVERY BEEFY CAR GRIPMAN AND IRON WORKER IN THE COUNTRY BEGAN TRAINING BULKY AND BIG MUSCLES WERE ALL THE FASHION.

THE SWAYING, SHIFTING, HARD PUNCHING BOB FITZSIMMONS HAD THE WORLD IMITATING HIS WORK—THIS STYLE MADE TWO GREAT CHAMPIONS, KETCHEL AND DEMPSEY.

## MORAN MAY AGAIN PULL SURPRISE AS IN 1915-1919

Reds Have "A Couple of Pitchers" and Another "Fielding Fool's" Inner Defense.

By Ed Van Every.

This is the little wireless warning that is being broadcasted about the inner circles of baseball.

When the world's champion Giants came out of the West and their dream of a runaway pennant race, Manager John McGraw admitted that he had shown him more than any club in the league had stacked up against. Instead of having only the Cardinals, and possibly the Pirates to worry over, the McGrawmen admit that Pat Moran's aggregation "has something."

And Pat Moran, it will be recalled, is the same party who took a battery (Alexander and Kilfer), a promising young pitcher (Barcroft), a few custards and second raters, a collection of new bats and some old gloves and kidded them into believing they were the best team in the National League in 1915. Maybe they weren't, but they won the pennant just the same.

And the same Pat Moran went to Cincinnati and in 1919 gave that big league village its first pennant. It wasn't a bad ball team that Pat led that year, but an infield that played like fielding fools made it look much better than it really was. Groh and Daubert, aided by a second keystone combination in Ruth and Kopf, gave about the greatest inner defense exhibition the most of us have ever seen. Experts who have studied the game for years admit they never before or since seen more hits stolen by a crazy fielding.

If Pat Moran could win a pennant in 1915 with little more than a pitcher and in 1919 mainly through an infield that played beyond its speed, it would be well to observe what Moran has in hand this season.

To begin with, Pat has a pitcher and Pat tells the writer in his genial Celtic brogue "Maybe a couple of them." There is Pete Donohue whom McGraw declares he didn't offer a bundle of cash for although he considers him one of the coming great moundmen. Donohue has a real fast one that breaks over the inside and outside corner with a sort of crossfire effect and a hook that "bursts" on top of you, and he gets all his stuff over with the same motion in a fashion that is remarkable pitching for a youngster. Cough, who is winning a lot of ball games is another young hurler whom Pat is "mighty sweet on." And Luque, the Cubanito firebrand, after a miserable start, has his fast one "flaming the edges right off the corners." And Epina Rivero, when he has an "on day" can beat anybody is likely to have a lot of "on days" this summer.

And Pat seems to have another "darling infield." We know all about Daubert, also Bohne, who looked pretty good at third and short last year and looks a whole lot better at second. We have had a slight look at Caveny and Pinnell around these parts but Caveny has a pair of hands and Pinnell an arm that im-

mediately attract your attention. And they "room quite a bit of ground on the left side of the infield" Pat admits.

The Reds don't look at all bad in the outfield either if they have got a "has-been" in center and a youngster in right. The youngster is Harper, of whom these columns have made some mention heretofore. He is batting well over the 300 mark and looks like a coming star hitter. He has the old eye and takes a sweet cut. The "has-been" is your old friend George Burns. And if this same George, who was one Giant that the fans never rode no matter where the McGraw team played—"did you notice the hand he's been getting at Ebbetts Field?"

Well if Burns shows them up at the Polo Grounds what he showed in the series over at Ebbetts Field a lot of New York fans will be looking for the guy, with blood in their eyes, who intimidated Burns was slipping. "If Burns is slipping" Pat Moran is wishing some one would "slip us a couple of more like George."

Considering that these same Reds lost seventeen out of their first twenty-five games but only lost eight out of the next twenty-seven, it mightn't be a bad idea to—

"Watch the Reds!"

### COLUMBIA OARSMEN WIN LUCKY POSITION

Columbia University yesterday drew the "rabbit's foot" course for the premier varsity regatta at Poughkeepsie June 26, in which four Eastern, one Southern and one Far Western crew will race over a distance of three miles for this year's intercollegiate rowing championship.

Navy, which won last year in an inside course, has drawn No. 5, near the position the Middies rowed in 1907 when they lost. The University of Washington, this year's Far West entry, will row in No. 3 course in the varsity race.

### SLEEPY HOLLOW CLUB OPENS COURSE TO-DAY

The Sleepy Hollow Country Club will open its rearranged course to-day, including the four new holes which have been rebuilt this last fall and spring to replace four of the old and outlying holes of the former course.

A special handicap event has been arranged for the forenoon, in addition to the regular event scheduled for the afternoon.

## Fistic News and Gossip

By John Pollock

The Columbus Sporting Club of Yonkers is another boxing club given permission by the Boxing Commission to stage open air night boxing shows.

Johnny Williams, the good New York lightweight, and Jimmy Conroy of Harlem have been signed up by Tom McCardie to meet in the feature bout of twelve rounds at the next boxing show of the Ocean Park A. A. of Long Branch on Friday night.

Johnny Shugrue, recent winner over Johnny Dundee, who meets Gene Delmont in the feature bout at the Oakland A. A. of Jersey City on Monday, has been offered a bout with Willie Jackson at the Revere Beach Bicycle Track, near Boston. His accepted terms and the club is now waiting to hear from Frank Bagley, Jackson's manager.

Pascual Villa, who was defeated by Abe Goldstein in Jersey a few nights ago, made a big hit by his showing and will probably get several more bouts here.

Jack Hauser, who gave Jack Sharkey a close fight at Coney Island last week, is seeking another match with the aggressive Italian featherweight. He thinks he can turn the tables in another meeting. Hauser says that if Sharkey doesn't want any more of his game he'll take on anybody at 120 pounds or any featherweight.

The writer learned to-day that Lew Tindley, who knocked out Johnny Barrett, the young lightweight of "Philly" in the sixth round of their eight-round bout at the Philadelphia baseball park on Tuesday night, drew down 25 per cent of the arena receipts for his end. Barrett received 20 per cent.

Eddie Mack, manager of Johnny Clinton, the crack New England lightweight, claims that his boy had to stop in the third round in his bout at Boston the other night with Tony Hartley because the latter pulled him out of his fight so he could take on another fight.

Herman Taylor, who staged the Underhill bout in Philadelphia, made such a big piece of money out of that contest that he intends to run several more of these shows. His next one will be on June 20 at Barry Grove and go against Tommy Loughlin of "Philly" in the main go of eight rounds.

Next Wednesday afternoon Mike McTigue, middleweight champion of Ireland, will sail for the President Adams for Ireland. The reason for Mike leaving is that he has a prize Carpenter into a match in London. McTigue will spend two weeks visiting his mother and friends and then sail on to London, where he will meet his manager, Joe Jacobs. The latter leaves here Monday.

Harry Neary has been suspended for eight months from boxing because of his bad behavior. The suspensions are that Midget Smith will not do any fighting of any of the kind during that period. Neary and Smith are at present taking a rest in the mountains. Smith will be ready to fight again the first part of next month.

Frank Gardner, matchmaker of Madison Square Garden and Johnny Kere, proprietor of a boxing gym, held a conference yesterday. It is understood that Martin will meet Joe Thompson in a new, main event through European featherweight champion.

## MAJOR LEAGUE AVERAGES

AMERICAN LEAGUE BATTING.						NATIONAL LEAGUE BATTING.					
300 HITTERS.						300 HITTERS.					
Player.	Club.	A.B.	R.	H.	P.C.	Player.	Club.	A.B.	R.	H.	P.C.
Collins, St. Louis	.....	11	3	5	.455	Cheever, Chicago	.....	18	2	7	.389
Risher, St. Louis	.....	203	46	83	.419	Gowdy, Boston	.....	96	9	33	.344
Stephenson, Cleveland	.....	89	24	87	.416	Mann, St. Louis	.....	47	13	18	.383
Miller, Philadelphia	.....	161	33	62	.385	Higbee, Pittsburgh	.....	176	30	66	.375
Herrman, Philadelphia	.....	16	4	8	.375	Hargrave, Cincinnati	.....	88	18	33	.373
Speaker, Cleveland	.....	108	22	62	.369	Hornby, St. Louis	.....	179	41	67	.374
O'Neill, Cleveland	.....	110	8	40	.364	Brewster, Cincinnati	.....	39	9	11	.367
Cobb, Detroit	.....	133	23	48	.362	Talbot, Pittsburgh	.....	180	28	71	.362
Van Gilder, St. Louis	.....	168	30	57	.339	Thurber, Cincinnati	.....	186	28	58	.319
Hellmann, Detroit	.....	152	13	51	.336	Thames, Pittsburgh	.....	80	7	28	.350
Dassler, Detroit	.....	184	26	69	.336	Grimes, Chicago	.....	166	28	58	.349
Pulburton, Boston	.....	163	25	54	.331	Maraville, Pittsburgh	.....	180	37	62	.344
McManus, St. Louis	.....	185	28	61	.330	Southworth, Boston	.....	123	21	42	.341
Severid, St. Louis	.....	201	18	66	.328	Duncan, Cincinnati	.....	169	26	63	.333
Jameson, Cleveland	.....	186	32	62	.318	O'Brien, Chicago	.....	12	1	4	.333
Haney, Detroit	.....	87	13	28	.321	Holmes, Chicago	.....	178	25	58	.328
Karr, Boston	.....	28	3	9	.321	Topper, St. Louis	.....	129	28	42	.326
Uhl, Cleveland	.....	28	1	9	.321	Smith, St. Louis	.....	151	33	49	.325
Tobin, St. Louis	.....	197	29	63	.320	Carey, Pittsburgh	.....	109	41	55	.325
Vaugh, Detroit	.....	197	28	63	.320	Gainer, St. Louis	.....	37	8	12	.324
Vander, Washington	.....	195	32	62	.318	Harper, Cincinnati	.....	174	30	56	.322
Hopper, Chicago	.....	183	28	58	.317	Mohr, Pittsburgh	.....	56	8	18	.321
McInnis, Cleveland	.....	184	24	58	.315	Walker, Philadelphia	.....	154	28	48	.312
J. Collins, Boston	.....	108	13	34	.315	Novell, Boston	.....	154	28	48	.312
Clark, Detroit	.....	93	17	30	.312	Wells, St. Louis	.....	173	21	52	.306
Galaway, Philadelphia	.....	150	27	49	.312	Leon, Philadelphia	.....	62	7	19	.306
J. Sewell, Cleveland	.....	180	34	58	.307	Kiss, Pittsburgh	.....	86	15	25	.302
Fratt, Boston	.....	175	21	58	.300						

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Coney and Spencer Gardner vs. Wiffie Davis	<b>ROBINS.</b>			
in the other two ten-rounders.	Huether .....	10	1	